

The Power and Necessity of Prayer

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A Definition of Prayer

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him. Steps to Christ, 92.3.

Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Our Savior identified Himself with our needs and weakness, in that He became a suppliant, a petitioner, seeking from His Father fresh supplies of strength, that He might come forth braced for duty and trial. He is our example in all things. He is a brother in our infirmities, "in all points tempted like as we are;" but as the sinless one His nature recoiled from evil; He endured struggles and torture of soul in a world of sin. His humanity made prayer a **necessity** and a privilege. He found comfort and joy in communion with His Father. And if the Savior of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer. (SC 93.4)

1. Church should be a house of _____ . Mt 21:13
2. What is a primary characteristic of a pretentious prayer?
_____ . Mt 23:14
3. Jesus made Prayer a _____ . Mr 1:35

Prayer is needed because we?

4. Struggle against _____ . Eph 6:12
5. Struggle against _____ . Ro. 7: 14
6. Struggle for _____ . Col 1:9
7. Struggle with _____ . Lu 22:42
8. Struggle with our secret _____ . Ps 19:12
9. Struggle with _____ Sins. Ps. 19:12
10. We need Leading and _____ . Ps 31:3

The Weapon of Prayer

11. Our weapons are not _____ . 2Co 10:4
12. We need to put on the _____ of light. Ro 13:12
13. We are to wage a good _____ . 1Ti 1:18

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What Does Prayer Do?

14. Prayer opens _____ . Lu 3:21
15. Prayers must have _____ . Mt 21:22
16. Prayer Delivers from the _____ . Mt 17:21
17. Prayers Stirs up _____ . Ac 16:16
18. Prayer Sanctifies _____ . 1Ti 4:5
19. Prayers breaks _____ . Ac 16:25
20. Prayer frees from _____ . Acts 12:5
21. Prayer stops the mouth of _____ . Heb 11:33
22. Prayer stopped the _____ . Jos 10: 12,13
23. Wars are won when Prayer goes _____ . Ex 17:10, Ex 17:12
24. Prayer of faith will _____ the sick. Jas 5:14
25. Prayer Turns Bad situations into _____ . Php 1:19

How to Pray

26. Set a time for _____ Ac 3:1, Ac 10:3, 30
27. The 9th hour is the time when _____ . Mt 27:46
28. Have Solitary time and place for Prayer:

Lu 9:18 And it came to pass, as **he was alone praying**, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

29. Prayer should have a certain _____ to _____ . Lu 11:1
30. Jesus went out into a _____ to _____, and continued all night in prayer to God. Lu 6:12
31. Place for Prayer _____ to be _____ . Ac 16:13
32. Prayer and _____ go together Ac 10:31
33. Praying in one _____ and _____ Ac 1:14
34. Pray _____ in prayer. Ro 12:12
35. Prayer and _____ go together. Col 4:2
36. Praying with different Kinds of _____ . Eph 6:18

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37. Praying in the _____ . Jude 1:20

38. Unceasing Prayer under difficult _____ . Ac 12:5

What to Pray for

39. Praying for the _____ . 2Co 8:4

40. Prayer for strength:

Lu 22:45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

41. Praying always for _____ . Col 1:3

42. Always in every prayer of mine for _____ all making request with joy.
Php 1:4

43. Pray for _____ . 2Co 1:11

44. Prayer for a Child to _____ . God. Lu 1:13

45. Prayer for _____ . Ro 10:1

46. Praying for _____ . Col 4:3

47. Praying night and _____ for other's _____ . 1Th 3:10

48. Praying with _____ . Php 4:6

49. Pastor's Need to give themselves _____ to
_____ and the _____ of the word. Ac 6:4

Praying for those in Sin and Still Living.

50. Praying for the Lost:

1Jo 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

51. What we should ask for:

1Jo 5:16 ... he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.

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1Jo 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

52. God's desires that all to come to _____ . 2Pe 3:9

53. God wants all men to be _____ . 1Ti 2:4

How to Intercede for those in Sin

54. Pray for understanding:

Devil had blinded people so they can't _____ . 2Co 4:4

55. What is the solution for this blindness?

2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but _____
_____ ; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the _____ .

The Reason why the Devil Blinds people

56. Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be _____ and I should _____ them.

Pray for their Conviction – Open their eyes:

57. Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

- He will reprove (convict) the world of _____ .

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- He will convict the world of _____.

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Ro 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

58. Prayers of Confession and asking for Forgiveness:

Da 9:20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and **confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel**, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

59. Pray for eyes to be opened.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

60. Willful blindness leads to unforgiveness:

Joh 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

The Lost are temporary insane.

61. Pray for the lost person to come to them self:

Lu 15:17 And when he came to himself, (**εις εαυτον** – into himself) he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

The prodigal son became sane again – came back into himself.

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62. Jesus was thought to be Mad – insane – the word is “out of himself.”

Joh 10:20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; (ἐξ αὐτῶν) why hear ye him?

Conditions of Prayer:

63. Confessing our sins.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

64. Humility, Prayer, Confession, Seeking, Repentance

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

65. Prayer of Faith:

Mt 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

66. Prayer of even Small Faith:

Mt 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

67. Ask in authority of Jesus:

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

68. Ask in Unwavering Faith:

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Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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6 But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and **tossed**.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is **unstable** in all his ways.

69. Draw close unto God:

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

70. Cleanse your Hands and your Heart:

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

71. Prayer in humility:

Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God **resisteth the proud**, but **giveth grace unto the humble**.

72. Pray in Confidence:

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.